



Fourth of July Celebration



Make plans to be a part of the annual Fourth of July celebration at McCurdy Park. This year's theme is "Teddy Bears on Parade" Some of the featured shows and activities on Wednesday are:

- **Pancake Breakfast:** starts at 7 a.m. in the Community Center in McCurdy Park.
- **Children's Bike Decorating Contest:** registration at the American Red Cross building on W. Corunna Ave. at 9 a.m.; judging at 10 a.m.; the Bike Parade at 10:30 a.m. Because of the construction downtown, the parade route will start at the American Red Cross, go west on Corunna Ave., then north on Norton St., and into McCurdy Park, disbanding at the Larry Frank Memorial Ball Field.
- **Firecracker Parade:** starts at 11 a.m. and will follow the same route as the Bike Parade, but will start at the Shiawassee County Road Commission, on W. Corunna Ave., then proceed west on Corunna Ave. to the park.
- **Cruise to the Park Car Show:** located at the front of McCurdy Park instead of by the river this year. The Model Car Contest will also be located at the front of the park.
- **New Events:** a rock climbing wall, a bungee run, and a super slide. Returning this year are: pony rides, moon walk, petting zoo, children's games, a magician, a juggler, horseshoes, a cake walk and an arts and craft show (new hours for the arts and craft show are 11 a.m.-6 p.m.).
- **Chicken Dinner:** served from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Community Center. Cost is \$5.75 for ages 11-adults, \$3.75 for ages 4-10, and age 3 and under are free.
- **Live Entertainment:** located at the Center Pavilion behind the Community Center. New to the festival is the group Fourth Avenue as well as traditional favorites In Too Deep, The Taylor Brothers, Neon Dreams, and the Peter VanderWaals Orchestra.
- **Annual Fireworks Display:** ends the day's activities with the biggest Fourth of July fireworks display in Shiawassee County.

CORUNNA STREETScape FINISH LINE CONTEST

From now until October 30, Corunna merchants are sponsoring a "Corunna Streetscape Finish Line" contest to let everyone know that downtown Corunna is open and ready for business.

When you stop into any participating Corunna business, look for the small construction cone and ask for a free registration form. One prize winner, each month, will be drawn. Then, at the end of October, all entries will be placed back into the drum and one Grand Prize winner drawn. This winner will receive a five-day Carnival Cruise for two, including air, port charges, and tips.

Corunna merchants are also offering daily specials to customers. Watch for the monthly 2001 Corunna Streetscape advertisement in the Argus Press.



THE CITY OF CORUNNA

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QUARTERLY NEWS

M71-STREETSCAPE ON SCHEDULE

City Manager, Joe Sawyer, states that the M-71/Streetscape project through Corunna is "on schedule" and the city is still looking at an October, 2001, finish date.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is in the finishing stages of replacing the water and storm sewer lines, curb, gutter, and the base coat of asphalt on the east side of N. Shiawassee and the south side of E. McNeil. The rebuilding of sidewalks on the completed side of the street should begin at the end of June. After that, work will start on the opposite side of the streets. When all of the construction is finished, a final top coat of asphalt will be applied to the streets.

Traffic is traveling smoothly through the construction zone, most of the time. However, residents should continue to take alternate routes, whenever possible, and expect delays especially during peak traffic hours. Motorists are reminded that the speed limit through the construction zone is 25 m.p.h.

At least one lane of traffic will remain open at all times, but when construction starts on the west side of N. Shiawassee, temporary closure of the intersection of Corunna Ave. and N. Shiawassee St. will be necessary.



Construction near the corner of N. Shiawassee St. and Corunna Ave. City Manager, Joe Sawyer, states that this corner will be closed at some point during the renovation, so residents should seek alternate routes through and around town.

NEW PAYMENT BOX

A new payment box is now in use at city hall for water/sewer and tax bills. Located at the rear of city hall, this box replaces the old white payment box located in front of city hall by the flag pole.

The box is located on the southeast corner wall of city hall, just past the police station. City officials ask that only payments with checks be placed in the box. Cash payments and key returns should be made during regular city hall business hours.

BRIDGE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN THE SPRING

Reconstruction of the Shiawassee Street bridge will begin in the spring of 2002, according to Joe Sawyer, city manager. The Michigan Department of Transportation is covering 95% of the total cost of the project, minus the cost of design engineering, through its critical bridge funds. The city is responsible for the remainder of the cost.

The question of making the bridge large enough for four lanes, but striped for three lanes, or leaving it a two-lane bridge is still in discussion. Also in question is if the bridge will be completely shut down during construction or allow one lane open to traffic at all times. These questions will be decided later in the year.

POLICE REMINDERS

Just a few reminders to residents now that warmer weather is here:

- Property owners must keep grass and weeds under six inches in height. Those not complying with this ordinance will be charged \$300, plus costs, for the city to mow the property.
- Grass clippings and leaves must not be blown into the street. These clog storm drains and cause street flooding during heavy rains. Please direct any mower discharge away from streets and alleys.
- Pets, in either city park, must be leashed and the owner is responsible for cleaning up and disposing of any waste from the animal. Violation of this law is punishable by a \$500 fine.

- Parking, in either city park, is permitted only in designated areas. There is no parking on the grass, at any time, without special permission from council. Violators will be ticketed.
- The hours for a yard, garage, or any type of residential sale are from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sales are limited to twice a year and for three consecutive days only.
- Finally, the speed limit is 25 m.p.h. through any of the construction zones in the city. Police Chief Mark Hetfield states that this will be strictly enforced and fines doubled.

Have a safe summer from the Corunna Police Department.



SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The annual concerts in the park will, once again, have the park filled with music this summer.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

If you own and occupy a home in the city, you may be exempt from a portion of the local school tax. Called the Homestead Exemption, the application is available at Corunna City Hall.

According to the State of Michigan, a resident must hold legal title to the home or are in the process of purchasing the property. The property you are claiming must be your principal residence or "homestead". Rental property, vacation homes, and income property are not eligible for this exemption.

If you claim a homestead exemption and then stop using that home as your primary residence, you must notify the city assessor within 90 days of the change or you may be penalized.

To see if your homestead is eligible for this exemption or to check if it is already being applied to your home, contact Merilee Lawson, city assessor, or Jeremy Boyd, city treasurer, at 743-3650.

At the Community Center, on July 11 at 7 p.m., the city's favorite musical duo return for a third straight year. The Rich Eddy Band will rock and roll their way into McCurdy Park with their musical trip through the 50's and 60's. Bring your bobbie socks and saddle shoes so you can "twist the night away".

Also coming back to the park, on August 15, is the four-piece band Bob Schnieder and the Survivors. This toe-tapping band is Dixieland jazz at its best. This concert starts at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

Both shows in the Community Center are free to the public. There are plenty of seats available, but it is suggested, by Parks and Recreation Director Janet Washburn, to bring a lawn chair for a more comfortable evening.

SUMMER CITY TAXES
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